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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request # 875982

Dear Mr. Lipton:

This is to acknowledge your March 25, 2019 request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You emailed your request to the Office of the Solicitor in the U.S. Department of Labor, and it was forwarded here, to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS), on March 27, 2019, for a disclosure determination. Your FOIA requests "materials related to the funding, staffing and activities of the [agency's] FOIA office."

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(6)(A)(i) of the FOIA, upon receipt of a request, OLMS must determine within 20 working days whether this office may comply with such request, and then notify the requestor of such determination, the rationale, and the right of the requestor to appeal any adverse determination in this regard. We have determined to search OLMS files and index systems for potentially responsive materials relative to your request.

Upon receipt of each FOIA request, OLMS designates the request as a "simple," "complex," or "expedited" request, and places each FOIA in one of these three queues. OLMS processes the requests within each queue by the order in which the OLMS received each request. We make every effort to process each request within 20 working days. However, some exceptions necessitate a longer processing period than 20 working days. Your request falls within the simple queue and may require 20 working days to process, as calculated from the date OLMS received your request. Accordingly, we expect to respond to your request no later than April 25, 2019.

With regard to the applicable charges for the production of these records, you are a Category 3 Requestor pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §70.40(c)(3). As such, only reproduction costs are assessed, excluding charges for the first 100 pages.

In the interim, for any questions concerning the procedural handling and processing of your inquiry, you may contact the OLMS FOIA Coordinator, by electronic mail at [OLMS-FOIA@dol.gov](mailto:OLMS-FOIA@dol.gov). Please include your FOIA tracking number **875982** in any future correspondence relative to this request.

Sincerely,

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